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**NOTES ABOUT TOWN.**

Prof. Charles M. Davis is now staying at the "Guy Mansion," Asbury Park.

Mr. R. W. Gardner and family are spending sometime at Thompson's Pavilion, Atlantic Highlands.

The Bloomfield Hat Finishers' Association held their annual picnic at Weaver's Grove, on Monday night.

Cornelius Cañus, of Fowlerville, Mich., a former resident of Bloomfield, is now very ill in his western home.

The Orange Branch of the N. Y. & L. R. R. is doing a very large Sunday business.

Dr. Davis continues to improve. He is now well enough to go out riding and frequently avails himself of this form of recreation.

The Water Company's diggers have reappeared in our streets to the intense relief of residents who have been borrowing water for a month.

Rev. S. W. Duffield has accepted an invitation to deliver an address before the American Institute of Christian Philosophy at Asbury Park next month.

On Saturday last the Woodstocks of Belleville and the Watseessings played at Watseessing. The game resulted in a score of 2 to 1 in favor of the Woodstocks.

Deacon Farley will preach at the Episcopal Church, Liberty Street, tomorrow at the half past ten o'clock service, and ordain Mr. Henry K. Becker to the Diaconate.

On Tuesday evening the train due at 6:15 was delayed forty minutes by a load loaded with brick which caught in the drawbridge over the Hackensack river just as the train was approaching.

Mr. David Smith's side-walk is a comfort to the sole. Would that some of his neighbors would learn a lesson of humanity from him. What satisfaction can a man have in keeping a man-trap in the front of his house?

It may be remarked in passing, that the idea that a few people have, that clean shells, tomato cans, ashes and the like improve the appearance of the road in front of their houses, is erroneous.

The Ladies connected with the Glen Ridge Sunday School will serve Ice Cream Saturdays, from five to eight o'clock P. M., in the Gallagher Woods, near the Glen Ridge Station. Cream at five and ten cents per plate.

On the day appointed for the funeral of General Grant the bell of Essex H. & L. Co. will be muffled and rung during the hour of service. In case of an alarm of fire the muffling will be removed and the bell will be rung as usual in such a case.

Three boatmen caused a general fight at Meinhardt's saloon in Morris Neighborhood on Saturday night. They were all arrested and brought before Justice Hall. Two paid their fine of \$5 and cost, while the third one was committed for 10 days.

The subjects of Gospel Temperance and the Sabbath will be considered at the Gospel Temperance Union Meeting, at Dodd's Hall, next Sunday, 26th inst. All are invited: short addresses by various speakers. Bliss and Sankey Gospel Songs. You are early up to 4:30.

Rev. Ezra D. Simons, ex-Chaplain of 125th Regt., N. Y. Vol., will preach a Memorial sermon on Sunday night in honor of the late General Grant. The names of W. S. Pierson Post No. 58, G. A. R. have accepted an invitation to attend in a body, and will meet at their room at seven o'clock.

A few trees set out on Bloomfield Avenue, near Ridgewood Avenue, on Franklin Street in front of the "Brick Row," and on the west slope of Franklin Hill, would, in the course of time, render pleasant those places which are to a very turn of affliction to those compelled to pass by them. It is too late this season to do anything, but the trees are coming.

Hon. Amzi Dodd is now staying at Hancock, Michigan.

The German Sunday School will hold their annual picnic at Wever's Grove, on August 12th.

Miss Emma Taylor is spending the summer with her sister at Childsfield and South Colton, N. Y., near the St. Lawrence River.

The First Baptist Church and Sabbath School of this place have arranged for an excursion to Greenfield Lake, over the N. Y. & L. Railroad, on Thursday, July 30.

An alligator about three feet long disturbed us nowadays in the race of the grist mill at the Morris neighborhood. He is the property of Mr. John Henry Brown, who has recently returned from Florida, on a visit to his friends. He reports the weather cooler there than in Bloomfield.

A number of young men held a meeting on Wednesday evening in Bickler's Hall, and organized a club, to be known as "The Elks." The following officers were elected: G. Hummel, President; Chas. Rawcliffe, Vice President; Frank Bickler, Treasurer; Harry Cooper, Secretary; Adam Gass, Serg't at Arms.

Andrea Decker, a Frenchman employed on the farm of Peter Chalois at Brookdale, was overcome by the heat on Tuesday last and died in a few moments. County Physician Henleit examined the body and granted a burial certificate, after which it was taken in charge by the Overseer of the Poor. He is thought to have friends at Syracuse, New York, who will be notified of his death.

A serious accident was just avoided at the Glenwood avenue crossing on Tuesday morning by the prompt action of the engineer on the 7:19 train in reversing his engine. A driver of a heavy dirt wagon drove across the track, supposing the approaching train would stop above the crossing. The engine only missed the wagon by a few feet. No other crossing on this road is more dangerous than this. The railroad company have been notified several times to protect the public with gates, but no attention has been paid to it.

Mr. C. F. Schrader, Glenwood avenue is the agent for Bloomfield, Montclair and vicinity for the Diamond Rock Crystal spectacles and eye-glasses, manufactured by the Vienna Optical Co.

Several prominent citizens have purchased these glasses and testify to their superiority. Mr. Schrader is also a most competent watchmaker. Those who have clocks which have for months and years stood at the high hour of noon or some other hour because no one in town could be trusted to fix them, will doubtless hail this notice with delight. To have a thoroughly reliable optician and watchmaker established in town is such a great convenience that we hope our people will make it worth his while to stay.

**Township Committee.**

The first business transacted at the committee meeting Wednesday evening was the passing of a resolution notifying the Water Company that the water contract was not being fulfilled in regard to the pressure. A bill for water for six months for \$2,880 was passed. Five names were received as members of Active Hose Company and three as members of Essex Hook and Ladder Company. The chairman was authorized to sign a lease for the Watseessing Hose House, also to sign a contract with M. J. Callahan for laying 2,000 feet of stone walk. The fire committee were instructed to employ a person to open the hydrants and test the pressure of the waters in several localities. A petition for gas was received from residents on Hill street and referred to the gas committee. Messrs. Dodd and Oakes were appointed a committee to consider a charge in the polling district, making the second and third districts larger and leaving the first district.

**Annual School Meeting.**

A very small audience gathered at the Center School house on Monday evening to pass upon the appropriations for the coming year. The yearly report was presented by the Clerk and accepted by the meeting, of which Mr. Thomas Oakes was Chairman and Mr. Wm. A. Baldwin Secretary. The sums recommended by the Trustees were unanimously adopted. These are the same as last year: \$9,000 for current expenses, and \$3,000 for payment upon the mortgage indebtedness.

**A Canoeing Party.**

Four young men started last Thursday morning for Lake Hopatcong, their route being via the Morris Canal. The party consisted of John Pierson, Theodore G. Ward, Leonard Haskell, and James Close. They are fully equipped with necessary supplies, and some luxuries for camping out. They will remain at the lake several days, and will probably return to Bloomfield by the same route.

**Sunday Laws and the Sabbath.**

Notwithstanding the heated term quite a number of earnest friends of the Sabbath assembled at Dodd's Hall last Sunday afternoon. It was suggested that during the hot weather the hour of meeting should be 4:30, which would accommodate many who might be better able to attend at that hour. The meeting was opened by Mr. Williams, who read the 5th Chapter of Isaiah. Referring to the objects and purposes of the meeting, he said he felt more deeply than ever the importance of the Temperance work in connection with the Christian Sabbath, that all should unite in the work of closing the saloons entirely on Sunday. The defiance of the Sunday laws was a strong argument for the total suppression of the traffic on all days, and people were rapidly coming to that view of the question.

Mr. Baldwin urged every one to keep the Sabbath holy to the Lord, and see that they and their households set a good example before the community and the youth who were now coming forward into the arena of life.

Mr. H. A. Parks, of Silver Lake, gave an account of the way in which by God's grace he was saved from the excessive use of liquors, which was carrying him towards the drunkard's doom. By the power of the Holy Spirit he was transformed into a new man in Christ, and the chains of slavish habit fell from him. He lived now in daily dependence on that grace which had saved him, not trusting himself, but holding fast the hand of his Savior at all times. For the sake of the tempted and the weak, he urged the utter destruction of the rum traffic and closing the saloons on week days as well as Sundays.

J. L. Douglass, of Belleville, is Vice-President of a new railroad company, entitled the North and East River Railroad Company, New York city, to run a horse railroad to and from the Fulton Street, Cortlandt Street, Pavonia and the Wall Street Ferries. The Cortlandt street branch is to run through Maiden Lane.

An extraordinary sand whirl was seen in a field near Paulsboro, Gloucester Co., one day recently. At the base it was about twenty feet in diameter, and resembled a tapering monument of sand more than a hundred feet in height. It lasted nearly five minutes and moved slowly.

Another case of pleuro-pneumonia was discovered in Burlington county, a few days ago, on the farm of Samuel Braum, near Medford. A cow which had been bought from Caleb Ridgway, of that county, who had purchased it from the West, was found to be diseased. Dr. Dyer, of the State Board of Health, ordered it killed, and has also quarantined the herd on the Ridgway farm.

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The forest fires which had been raging in Burlington county the present month were the greatest in New Jersey for fifty years. The old cedar forests which extended between Jackson and Oak Knoll and between Tusconusko and Taunton, and which covered about 5,000 acres, have been burned to a crisp. The great cranberry bogs belonging to the West Jersey Company, to the Raleigh estate, and to Albert Haines, and others, which together covered about 4,000 acres, have been burned to a bare waste. The old West Jersey meadows, a great tract of land embracing at least 30,000 acres, where the cranberry was first found growing wild, and where the berry still grows in great luxuriance, are now a burned and blackened desert. The thick forests of oak and pine scattered here and there through the burnt territory, and covering probably 10,000 acres, have also been swept away. The fire has, in fact, desolated a space of thirty-two square miles, and the amount of money which during the last five days has gone up in smoke will not be less than \$600,000.

Mr. Evidale spoke of the necessity of active, combined effort in the cause of Temperance and the Sabbath, now violated by so many in various ways.

Mr. Vanderwerken inquired whether there was any requirement in the law demanding that complainants should drink liquor in order to convict offenders to which reply was made that there is no such requirement: it is a trick of cunning lawyers to demand proof, and rum ridden judges acquiesce to carry favor with the liquor dealers and drinkers, and to defeat the intention of the law.

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Mr. E. D. Simons on "Faith Cure."

Rev. E. D. Simons, of Bloomfield, read a paper on "Faith-Cure" before the N. Y. Baptist Ministers' Conference, some time ago, which obtained the approval of that body and has now been printed by the author in a small pamphlet. Starting with a preliminary statement of the necessity for caution in such matters, Mr. Simons proceeds to compare modern miracles with those of the Scriptures. He then considers the promise made to the churches in the Epistle of James, and very positively declares that this does not abrogate but enforces the use of means other than the exercise of mere faith. The employment of oil seems to him a proof that we are not to disregard the natural medicines entirely.

In conclusion, Mr. Simons rejects the extravagant, and, as he thinks, the unscriptural, claims of many advocates of Faith Cure. He gives his own experience at some of these meetings and asserts that the scenes he witnessed were occasionally "pitiful." He further says that those who were not cured sometimes blamed the result on the unbelief of friends.

And while he emphasizes the duty and

privilege of the Christian in asking for physical healing, he doubts as to much of what passes current in the way of cures performed "by faith."

The pamphlet is a calm and sensible discussion of an important topic, and one which will be read with interest by many persons in Bloomfield, as well as elsewhere. It cannot be said that the author either denies or affirms. He only states the elements on which a decision must be based if it is to be scriptural, rational and permanent. There is no dogmatism about the paper, and it probably secured the approval of the association who heard it at first, because of this fact. For it is to be remembered that both the friends and the opponents of "Faith Cure" can find something agreeable to them in its treatment of the subject.

**STATE NEWS.**

Hog cholera is destroying the hogs at Tuckahoe, Cape May county.

The Treasurer of Hoboken reports the city's indebtedness at \$1,265,322, which is \$6,000 less than it was last year.

Vice-President Hendricks is summering at Atlantic City. He bathes in full dress, goes fishing and visits the roller rinks.

The Cooke Locomotive Works, of Paterson, on account of the depression in railroad enterprise, have shut down indefinitely.

The Camden Iron Works have secured the contract for manufacturing 250 miles of twenty-inch pipe, to be used on a pipe line to be run from Pittsburgh to Philadelphia.

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